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1. Eighty new trucks were detrained in PRENZLAU (N 54/Q 04) and moved to the Panzer Kaserne.

23 August 1949

2. About 550 troops wearing purple-bordered red epaulets were detrained in PRENZLAU during the night.

8 September 1949

3. Some of the kaserne buildings on Ueckersee (lake), PRENZLAU, were occupied by five to six hundred troops, mostly recruits. The combat units were at a troop training grounds.

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10 September 1949

4. A truck convoy with six hundred fully equipped troops arrived in the kaserne on Ueckersee, PRENZLAU. Several supply vehicles and field kitchens were observed with the convoy which arrived from the direction of Schorfheide.

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Units totaling about two thousand troops were quartered in the kaserne.

Local residents stated that several truck convoys had arrived there during the preceding days.

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5. a. About five hundred 17 to 19-year-old recruits from the Soviet Union were quartered in the kaserne on Jeckerssee, PRINZLAU. When they arrived the recruits wore red epaulets, but received the insignia of their branch of service during the period of initial training.

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Cantonment buildings were being constructed along the kaserne fence.

b. The following information was supplied on troops in the Jeckerssee kaserne:

An artillery unit, commanded by Col KARPOV, had been quartered in the kaserne up to late January 1949 but was transferred to VELDEN (N 53/Z 66). A tank unit, commanded by Maj Fyodor Ivanovich DOLGORUKOV, coming from ORANIEBURG (N 53/Z 67), arrived in the kaserne in early February 1949. This tank unit was still in the woods camp in the TELPLIN (N 54/U 81) - ZEIDENICK (N 54/U 70) area at the time of observation (25 October 1949). It was expected to return to PRINZLAU in late October 1949. Maj DOLGORUKOV, allegedly a Hero of the Soviet Union, was almost always in PRINZLAU and only occasionally visited his unit in the TELPLIN training area.

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Comments:

a. The report again confirms the transfer of an artillery unit from PRINZLAU to VELDEN in early 1949. The transferred unit can only have been the 31st AA Div which was assumed to be stationed in the PRINZLAU area in 1948 (according to [redacted] and was identified in the SCHENKALDE-BOETZOW-VELDEN area in September 1949 (interrogation of deserter).

A Col KARPOV, reportedly CO of this unit (division commander?) is not known.

b. The report also confirms that a tank unit was transferred from ORANIEBURG to PRINZLAU in February 1949.

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Maj DOLGORUKOV, allegedly CO of this tank unit, is unknown.

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[redacted] Further information is required to determine whether this assumed training center is located in PRINZLAU temporarily or permanently.

The fact that the PRINZLAU field units participated in the 1949 summer maneuvers in the TELPLIN training area is known from previous reports [redacted]. This confirms the fact that the PRINZLAU units belong to the Fourth Guards Army (Cedars).

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